

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 698

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chief Warrant Officer  
Four Darren Kolofsky on the occasion of his  
retirement from the United States Army.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Four Darren Kolofsky is one such estimable person who has served with honor and distinction for nearly thirty years in the United States Army, from which he is now taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism, Darren Kolofsky enlisted in the United States Army in 1989. He attended Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Advanced Individual Training as a 98H (Morse Code Interceptor) at Fort Devens, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, his first assignment was with the 204<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion in Augsburg, Germany. After completing his tour, Darren Kolofsky attended Airborne School and was reassigned to D Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) and served on SOT-A 504 from 1992 through 1999; and

WHEREAS, he attended the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1999 and was reassigned to ODA 546 as the Senior Communications Sergeant after graduating; and

WHEREAS, Darren Kolofsky was later selected for the WOCS and Special Forces Warrant Officer Basic Course in 2004 and was assigned to ODA 554/5224 upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kolofsky was reassigned as the Company Operations Warrant for the C-2/5<sup>th</sup> SFG(A) in 2009, and he was later selected as the Battalion Operations Warrant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Darren Kolofsky has been deployed around the world; he served in Jordan, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Qatar and participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Operation Inherent Resolve, Operation Iris Gold, Operation Desert Spring, Operation Bright Star, and Operation Inherent Fury, including Bahrain's Arab Spring; and

WHEREAS, Chief Kolofsky also planned and orchestrated the first Unconventional Warfare Exercise, a task that spanned four states and utilized more than fifty law enforcement and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, Darren Kolofsky's military training included the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the Warrant Officer Candidates School, the Special Forces Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Warrant Officer Staff Course, the Static Line Jumpmaster Course, the Military Free Fall Parachutist and Jumpmaster Course, the Joint Firepower Controller Course, and the Advanced Special Operations Techniques and Managers Course; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Darren Kolofsky has received the Bronze Star Medal (six awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Army Commendation Medal (two awards), the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal (four awards), the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (two awards), the Iraq Campaign Medal (four awards), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, he also received the Joint Service Commendation Award, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (three awards), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (three awards), the NATO Medal, the Special Forces Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Military Free Fall Parachutist Master Badge, and the Master Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous achievements aside, Darren Kolofsky is most grateful for the companionship he shares with his wife, Debra Kolofsky, whom he met while he was assigned to Augsburg, Germany, and she was serving as Specialist Debra Simpson; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Chief Darren Kolofsky has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, his stalwart service not only made this great nation a safer home for its citizens, but he ensured that our inalienable rights remained secure and enduring; and

WHEREAS, Darren Kolofsky is a credit not only to the State of Tennessee but to the entire United States of America, and it is most appropriate that this General Assembly recognizes him and his service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief Warrant Officer Four Darren Kolofsky on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army, applaud his valiant military service, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.